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Dear Members of the Public Service Commission,

The cease and desist order issued by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC) to Uber Technologies is extremely disappointing.

Over the past four years, this administration, in concert with the General Assembly, has worked constantly to make South Carolina more business-friendly and limit government interference in the private sector. The action taken by the PSC yesterday is in direct conflict with the efforts undertaken by thousands of South Carolina public servants who have fought every day to make our state the best place in the country to start and grow a business.

As a state that stands for innovation and welcomes technology, I urge the PSC to resolve this matter immediately. There should be no disruption to our residents' jobs and no roadblocks that stand in the way of their access to safe methods of transportation.

I look to the State Legislature to take up ridesharing this year, and to put forth a framework that finds a permanent home for this option throughout the state. As elected officials, it is our obligation to listen to our constituents and our business partners and to not change South Carolina's strong, business-friendly approach to a stagnant regulatory one.

Again, I want to express my intense disappointment in the actions of the PSC. Restricting our citizens' rights to options and economic opportunities is massively detrimental to South Carolina. It is wrong, and, simply put, it is not who we are. I am calling on the members of the PSC and the General Assembly to resolve this issue before we send a message to the rest of the nation and the world that South Carolina is not the kind of place they want to do business.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki".

Nikki R. Haley

cc: Members of the General Assembly

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